

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An enclosure for a wildlife surveillance system, the enclosure comprising:
a base configured to support at least a portion of the surveillance system;
a cover coupled to the base with a hinge so as to permit rotating movement
therebetween; and
5 a foam insert disposed intermediate the surveillance system and an inside surface of
said cover to minimize light reflected from the inside surface from interacting with the
surveillance system.
2. The enclosure of claim 1, further comprising a locking assembly that secures
the enclosure to a mounting structure, said locking assembly preventing removal of the
enclosure from said mounting structure without opening said cover of the enclosure.
3. The enclosure of claim 1, wherein both said base and said cover include a
first pair of holes and a second pair of holes that are aligned with one another when the
cover is in a closed position.
4. The enclosure of claim 3, wherein the first pair of holes are configured to
accommodate a lock to lock the cover to the base.
5. The enclosure of claim 3, wherein the second pair of holes are threaded to
accommodate a fastener to clamp the cover to the base.
6. The enclosure of claim 1, wherein the base further comprises first and
second compartments and wherein said first and second compartments are environmentally
isolated from one another.
7. The enclosure of claim 1, wherein said hinge further includes a pin and a
plurality of adjacent female portions, said adjacent female portions being adapted to
receive said pin, and wherein at least a portion of said pin and at least some of said

adjacent female portions are configured to interlock so as to selectively prevent rotating
5 movement of said cover relative to said base.

8. The enclosure of claim 1, further comprising a locking assembly that secures
the enclosure to a mounting structure, said locking assembly preventing removal of the
enclosure from said mounting structure without opening said cover of the enclosure,
wherein said base includes first and second compartments environmentally isolated
5 from one another, and wherein said locking assembly is coupled to said second
compartment.

9. The enclosure of claim 1, further comprising a locking assembly that secures
the enclosure to a mounting structure, said locking assembly preventing removal of the
enclosure from said mounting structure without opening said cover of the enclosure,
wherein said locking assembly includes:
5 a flexible cable having opposed ends and having an abutment coupled to one of said
ends;
a collar slidably coupled to said flexible cable and adapted to be locked to said
flexible cable at a desired position; and
wherein said enclosure includes a plurality of openings through which said flexible
10 cable is received.

10. The enclosure of claim 9, wherein said base includes first and second
compartments environmentally isolated from one another, and wherein said plurality of
openings are formed in one of said first and second compartments.

5 11. The enclosure of claim 1, wherein the surveillance system includes a camera
with a flash, the flash being the source of the light.

12. An enclosure for a wildlife surveillance system, the enclosure comprising:
a base configured to support at least a portion of the surveillance system;
a cover coupled to the base with a hinge so as to permit rotating movement
therebetween; and

a cover coupled to the base with a hinge so as to permit rotating movement therebetween; and

5 means for minimizing light generated by the surveillance system within the enclosure from interacting with the surveillance system.

13. The enclosure of claim 12, wherein the means for minimizing light generated by the surveillance system within the enclosure comprises a foam insert disposed intermediate the surveillance system and an inside surface of said cover to minimize light reflected from the inside surface from interacting with the surveillance system.

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14. The enclosure of claim 12, further comprising a locking assembly that secures the enclosure to a mounting structure, said locking assembly preventing removal of the enclosure from said mounting structure without opening said cover of the enclosure.

15. The enclosure of claim 12, wherein the base further comprises first and second compartments and wherein said first and second compartments are environmentally isolated from one another.

16. The enclosure of claim 12, wherein said hinge further includes a pin and a plurality of adjacent female portions, said adjacent female portions being adapted to receive said pin, and wherein at least a portion of said pin and at least some of said adjacent female portions are configured to interlock so as to selectively prevent rotating
5 movement of said cover relative to said base.

17. The enclosure of claim 12, further comprising a locking assembly that secures the enclosure to a mounting structure, said locking assembly preventing removal of the enclosure from said mounting structure without opening said cover of the enclosure,
wherein said base includes first and second compartments environmentally isolated
5 from one another, and wherein said locking assembly is coupled to said second compartment.

18. The enclosure of claim 12, further comprising a locking assembly that secures the enclosure to a mounting structure, said locking assembly preventing removal of the enclosure from said mounting structure without opening said cover of the enclosure, wherein said locking assembly includes:

5 a flexible cable having opposed ends and having an abutment coupled to one of said ends;

a collar slidably coupled to said flexible cable and adapted to be locked to said flexible cable at a desired position; and

10 wherein said enclosure includes a plurality of openings through which said flexible cable is received.

19. A method of minimizing light in a wildlife surveillance system, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an enclosure having a base and a cover;

5 disposing a foam insert intermediate the surveillance system and an inside surface of said cover; and

minimizes light reflected from the inside surface from interacting with the surveillance system.

20. The method of claim 18, wherein the base has first and second compartments environmentally isolated from one another, and wherein one of the first and second compartments includes a plurality of openings;

further comprising the steps of:

5 providing a locking assembly; and

securing the enclosure to a mounting structure by coupling the locking assembly to the openings such that the enclosure cannot be removed from the mounting structure without opening the cover.

21. The method of claim 19, wherein the locking assembly includes a flexible cable and a lock, and wherein the cover includes an opening adapted to align with one of the plurality of openings when the cover is closed on the base, and wherein said securing

step includes mating the cable with others of the plurality of openings and locking the
5 lock through the aligned openings of the cover and the base.

22. The method of claim 19, wherein the surveillance system includes a camera with a flash, the flash being the source of the light reflected from the inside surface.